

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2504 – SB 2420

March 21, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a child in a juvenile detention facility, including youth development centers, from being placed in solitary confinement, unless the child is adjudicated delinquent and presents a serious security risk or an imminent threat to the safety of another, in which case the child may be placed in solitary confinement up to 22 hours.

If an administrative hearing is conducted after the initial 22-hour solitary confinement period and the child continues to be found to present a serious security risk or imminent threat to the safety of another, then the child may be ordered to solitary confinement for six additional days, but no more than 22 hours per day.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013203): Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to add a definition for “solitary confinement” and change the application of the legislation to any child in a juvenile detention facility rather than any child that has been adjudicated delinquent.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Children’s Services (DCS), their own policy regarding solitary confinement is more stringent than the proposed procedure in the bill as amended. It is assumed that the bill as amended will not significantly impact DCS’ operations.
- DCS confirms that the bill as amended will not significantly impact their operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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